

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUREKA WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Eureka Women's Club of Humboldt County, California.

Formed in 1901 as the Monday Club Federation of Eureka, the club quickly allied with the California Federation of Women's Clubs, and finally became known as the Eureka Women's Club. The club membership has provided countless hours of service for the betterment of the community.

Through cultural and educational events, as well as charitable interests, the Eureka Women's Club has encouraged a high moral standard and abiding interest in the historical traditions of Eureka and the region. Their legacy includes advocacy for the preservation of the acclaimed California Federated Women's Club Grove along the Eel River in Humboldt Redwoods State Park, as well as their classic Craftsman styled 1917 clubhouse, located at 1531 J Street, in the Victorian Seaport town of Eureka, California.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor the members of the Eureka Women's Club and acknowledge their dedication and commitment to the many worthwhile projects over the past century that have enhanced the broader community.

TRIBUTE TO THE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DEBUTANTES OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the accomplishments and bright future of thirty-one young ladies in my district. These outstanding young women will be honored on February 23, 2001 at the Forty-Third Annual Debutante Presentation Ball. In conjunction with the upcoming ball, five of these debutantes, Carlquista Champagne Johnson, Deanna Dion-Belvin Davis, De'Shandra Natasha Teague, Jasmine Greene and Jessica LaTori Burwell, will be honored by their parents this Saturday at a Sweetheart Tea.

I wanted to take a moment and recognize these women for their dedication to the debutante program. For these past few months, these women have attended training sessions emphasizing the areas of leadership, health, careers, personal enhancement and social graces. Before celebrating their coming of age in the traditional ball these women will have completed cultural and community service projects and prepared a scrapbook.

Chosen on the basis of academic, leadership, personal development, social graces, spiritual and civic awareness, these women represent the promise of a better future and the potential for making a difference in their community. This year the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha is following the international theme of "Blazing New Trails".

I commend these debutantes for blazing new trails of knowledge and understanding. I also commend their parents for their dedication to their daughters' upbringing and success. I send my best wishes to the debutantes for a delightful tea and a magical Ball.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM OSBORNE

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, on February 6, 2001, I was unavoidably detained and missed having the opportunity to vote on H.J. Res. 7, a resolution recognizing the 90th birthday of Ronald Reagan. If I had been present, I would have voted for the resolution.

President Reagan served his country honorably as President and was a great leader of the free world. He is very deserving of this recognition on his birthday, and I deeply regret that I was not present to vote in favor of the resolution honoring him.

IN HONOR OF ANN BALDERSON

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ann Balderson of Dartmouth, Massachusetts. For over 25 years, Mrs. Balderson has served the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a devoted schoolteacher, and she will retire on June 30th of this year. I commend her for her tireless efforts aimed at educating and molding the minds of our greatest resource, our children.

Mrs. Balderson has spent the majority of her career in the Dartmouth school system. After graduating in 1965 from Notre Dame College of Maryland in Baltimore, Mrs. Balderson moved to Massachusetts to continue her career as an educator, and she has continued to this day as a teacher of the 2nd grade. Today, I join with her husband William, and her two children Margaret and Robert, and applaud her for her many years of distinguished service. Nothing is more important than the education of our children, and I commend and thank Ann Balderson for devoting 25 years of her time and energy to the youth of Massachusetts.

TRIBUTE TO JULIE GRISHAM

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the achievements of Julie Grisham, Senior Public Health Manager for Health Promotion and Director of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health for the Public Health Department of Santa Clara County. Ms. Grisham is retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the people of Santa Clara County.

Julie Grisham began serving in the Department of Public Health in 1971 as a staff Public Health Nurse. She was consistently commended for her dedication and the quality of her nursing care and was promoted first to Supervising Public Health Nurse and then AIDS Program Manager before assuming her current roles of Senior Public Health Program Manager for Health Promotion and Director of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health.

Julie Grisham demonstrated leadership and vision in both Santa Clara County and the State of California by assuming the responsibilities of President of the California Conference of Local Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Directors and President of the California Public Health Association, North. She took active roles in promoting legislation through such committee assignments as Children and Families Committee Liaison, the Santa Clara County Health Department Frontline Leadership Committee and the Early Childhood Development Collaborative.

Julie Grisham is a role model and a leader both in her community and in the county, and is valued as a coworker and a friend. The Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System has benefited greatly from her vision, expertise, commitment and care for the community and her coworkers.

I wish to thank Julie Grisham for her tireless and loyal service to the County and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Furthermore, she has my personal thanks for our years of friendship. Though we will miss her creativity, expertise and commitment, her dedication has left its mark on both the Public Health Department and all of Santa Clara County.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HARRISBURG BULLDOGS

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize and congratulate one of my district's high school football teams. The Harrisburg Bulldogs of Harrisburg, IL recently won the Illinois Class 3A state football championship. The Bulldogs defeated the Oregon Hawks 41-13 in the championship game at University of

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Illinois' Memorial Stadium. The Bulldogs ended their season with a perfect record of 14–0.

Led by coaches Al Way and Greg Langley, members of the 2000 Harrisburg Bulldogs include Roth Clayton, Braden Jones, Joey Pilcher, Kyle Smithpeters, Walker Franks, Bob Dovell, Noah Stearns, Blake Emery, Brad Brachear, John Potts, Jeff McDonald, Mike Hancock, Nathan Potts, Cameron Chapman, Matt Oshel, A.J. Smith, Kyle Hicks, Jared Borders, Seth Hall, Tyler Rumsey, Justin Aud, Chris Stokich, Jacob Potter, Jacob Grubbs, Mark Hancock, Houston Ellis, Bard Karnes, Denver Milligan, Marques Scott, Kory Potts, Josh Goemaat, Patrick Beal, Travis Jerrels, Joe Speaks, Nick George, Alan Hurd, Jason Pigg, Justin Milligan, Daniel Henderson, Travis Boots, Travis Butler; cheerleaders, Casey Sowels, Jayna Beal, Sophia Hobson, Brooke Lane, Krystal Eudy, Liz Franks, Erin Brannock, Devin Kielhorn, Ashley Williams, and Brittany English.

The members of the Harrisburg Bulldogs should be proud of their achievement. I congratulate them and wish them good luck in future football seasons.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN R. STOKES,
HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to recognize Humboldt County attorney and World War II hero John Reynolds Stokes, who died Friday, January 5, 2001 in Arcata, California at the age of 83. His life was dedicated to the defense of democracy in war and in peace.

John Stokes grew up in Southern California and received his undergraduate education at Santa Barbara State College. In 1942 he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and was trained to fly the Martin B–26 Marauder. Stationed in England, he flew many missions over France. His 29th mission was the D-Day bombing of the Normandy Coast. After the liberation of Paris, Group Commander Stokes, based in France, made his last combat flight on March 13, 1945. He served with valor and distinction and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with ten Oak Leaf Clusters. Throughout his life, he stayed in touch with survivors of the 344th Bomb Group with whom he had shared the perils of war. He returned often to France to visit with French comrades.

John Stokes returned to California and entered Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley. After graduation in 1948, he moved to Arcata, California with his wife Edith where he practiced law for more than fifty years. He served that community as City Attorney from 1950 to 1983. He was a member of the State Bar Board of Governors from 1979 to 1982 and was Chairman of the Committee of Bar Examiners from 1985 to 1986. Many young lawyers, new to the practice of law, were grateful for his guidance and counsel.

A life-long Democrat, he took particular pleasure in helping young people who sought careers in public service. Many successful

candidates valued his advice and support. He served as Chairman of the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee for ten years.

Courageous in war, honorable and valiant in the pursuit of justice, John Stokes devoted his life to safeguarding the liberties we all enjoy as American citizens.

He has left a distinguished legacy to his five children, Katherine, John, Mary, Lucy and Emily, as well as his grandchildren, Sam, Catherine and Anna.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize John Reynolds Stokes for his unwavering commitment to the ideals and values that sustain our great country.

TRIBUTE TO MISS REBECCA PASSION, MISS RODEO USA OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding success of Rebecca Passion of Athens, Alabama. Crowned Miss Limestone Rodeo 2000, Miss Passion represented Limestone County at the IPRA National Finals in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on January 15. Miss Passion was crowned Miss Rodeo USA on January 20. As her community gathers to honor her victory this Saturday at the Limestone County Sheriff's Rodeo Arena, I would like to join them in congratulating her.

Miss Passion's win is a testament to her talent, hard work and perseverance. The grueling competition included a test of riding skills, a public speaking portion and a lengthy interview. She excelled in all levels and surpassed the other competitors easily.

I know that Limestone County is very proud of their "hometown hero". They have supported her every step of the way. The Miss Rodeo USA crown is a crown that she shares with her community. Miss Passion is a wonderful role model and I know that she will use her time as Miss Rodeo USA to serve her community.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate Miss Passion and wish her a rewarding reign as Miss Rodeo USA. I wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INDEPENDENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSUMER ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2001

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, today I have the pleasure of introducing the Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement Act of 2001.

As many will recall, last year I introduced H.R. 3850, the Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement Act of 2000, to lessen the burdens on small and mid-sized telephone companies and allow them to shift more of their resources to deploying advanced telecommunication services to consumers in all areas of the country.

Small and mid-size companies are truly that—while the more than 1,200 small and mid-size companies serve less than 10% of the nation's lines, they cover a much larger percentage of rural markets and are located in or near most major markets in the country.

Some of these telephone companies are mom and pop operations typically serving rural areas of the country where most other carriers fear to tread—in high cost places where it is less profitable than more populated areas.

In 1996 Congress passed historic legislation in the form of the Telecommunications Act. Section 706 of the Act sent a clear message to the American people and to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that the deployment of new telecommunications services in rural areas around the country must happen quickly and without delay.

Unfortunately the FCC has not made it any easier for small telephone companies to deploy advanced services in rural areas—in some cases they've actually made it more difficult. The reason is that the FCC more often than not uses a one size fits all model in regulating all Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs). This type of model may be fine for the big companies that have the ability to hire legions of attorneys and staff to interpret and ensure compliance with the federal rules.

However, I for one would rather see the small and mid-size companies use their resources to deploy new services and make investment in their telecommunications infrastructure.

Two examples of these burdensome FCC requirements are CAM and ARMIS reports.

These reports, separately, cost about \$500,000 to compile and would equate to a small phone company installing a DSLAM or other facilities to provide high speed Internet access to customers in rural areas.

Just to give you an example of how burdensome these reports are, the Commission's instructions for filling them out are over 900 pages long. More often than not, the FCC does not refer to—and in some cases simply ignores—the data filed by mid-size companies.

Let me be very clear, however, that the bill does nothing to restrict the Commission's authority to request this or any other data at any time.

I want to be fair—the FCC should be commended for their efforts to bring some of these reporting requirements down to a reasonable level. In fact, during our hearing on this legislation, the FCC told the Telecommunications Subcommittee that it may be issuing a notice of proposed rule-making on the reporting requirements for 2 percent companies sometime this fall.

The problem, though, is that the agency's time frame on issuing these proposed rules has changed like the Wyoming winds. It's time those obligations are met and this legislation would solidify what the FCC has promised to do for a long time.

In addition, I want everyone to know that I have bent over backwards to accommodate many of the initial concerns that some members had with this legislation and have incorporated a majority of their helpful suggestions.

Some of the changes that were adopted during the Commerce Committee's consideration of the bill took into account several technical provisions that will continue to allow the FCC to do its job but in a way that still ensures that small and mid-size companies are treated differently.